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only elections would be ordered. May I know why the Government should have gone back on their assurance? May I also know whether the Hon. Minister will take steps to bring these electoral rolls up to date before the elections? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With reference to the preparation of electoral rolls, we depend upon the electoral rolls prepared for the Assembly and for that a programme is laid down by the Election Commission and we have followed that programme. We cannot lay down our own programme. They have laid down a programme of intensive revision for certain areas and have issued correction slips for certain other areas. We have to follow the procedure laid down by the Election Commission. If there is any defect, I should think we have to put up with it."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, when you said that only 45 minutes would be allotted for questions and answers, you did not explain why it was so. The Members are asking me what it is about and they are also anxious to know whether the discussion on the Governor's Address will be over this forenoon."

MR. SPEAKER :—" To-day being Friday, the House will sit only till 1 o'clock. In order to give sufficient time to the hon. Leader of the Opposition and the Hon. Leader of the House, the Business Advisory Committee came to the conclusion that we should have the question time only for 45 minutes."

Teaching of Hindi in Government institutions in Pudukottai.

* 1929 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that before merger, the Pudukottai State Government permitted the staff of Government institutions to teach Hindi free in addition to their teaching work and also placed Government buildings free of charge at the disposal of the staff for the abovementioned purpose;

(*b*) whether such permission is now continued by the post-merger Government; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) There is no authentic information on the point. From the records it is gathered, that an Assistant Lecturer of the Raja's College, Pudukottai, was permitted by the Durbar to hold Hindi classes in the Brahadambal High School without detriment to the regular working of the school.

" (*b*) The permission granted in the individual case is being continued.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Government provide such free facilities to voluntary workers in all parts of the State to teach Hindi to the students? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not follow the hon. Member's question. Here, it is with reference to the staff of the Government institutions, and I do not think we can give permission to the staff of Government institutions to take up other work which is likely to interfere with their regular work."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In addition to being free is teaching of Hindi compulsory also in Pudukottai State? " 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That does not at all arise here."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The word 'free' contradicts the other word 'compulsory'."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" I will re-cast my question. Is teaching of Hindi in Pudukottai State compulsory? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. That question does not at all arise. Here is the case where permission was sought for by a member of the staff in the Government institution as he wanted to conduct some Hindi classes outside the college or school hours. The Durbar granted it and we are continuing it. That is all."

Special Industrial Tribunal for Plantations.

* 1930 *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the interim award of the Special Industrial Tribunal for Plantations regarding wages of the plantation workers has not been implemented by the planters in Shevaroy Hills, Salem district; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take for enforcing the implementation of the award in full?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Hospitals closed in 1954.

* 1931 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any hospitals were closed in 1954 for want of doctors?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Sub-Treasury staff at Chowghat.

* 1932 *Q*.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to increase the staff at Sub-Treasury, Chowghat?